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Sir,

The ex-members of the two Houses of Parliament who are at present in Shanghai have decided to hold their first meeting on July 10th in the Chamber of Commerce Building at the corner of North Honan and North Soochow Roads if they are not convoked by mandate issued by President Li Yuen Hung.

If the mandate is issued before that date they expect to be invited by Feng Kuo Chang to assemble at Nanking and the majority are in favour of responding to the invitation, if it is given, as they belive it is well to keep on good terms with the Chiangchun of this province.

It is reported that the question of transferring the capital from Peking to Nankin will be raised later on. The members of the former Parliaments believe from past experience that there is not much chance of doing their work successfully in the Northern Capital where there are so many conflicting forces and where the hostility to the assembly is strong enough to again cause the distractions which characterised their meetings prior to 1913 and caused their dissolution by the mandate of Yuan Shih Kai.

Your Obedient Servant,

Immanuel Brown

Chief Detective Inspector.

Captain Superintendent of Police.

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